GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL GAS GRID BY GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited has formulated a plan to form National Gas Grid for the entire country.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the economic viability of Grid has been examined;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the estimated time to make the Grid functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has conceptualized a broad national gas grid involving laying of additional 6400 kms of high pressure, large diameter trunk pipelines, covering almost all the states.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Implementation of the gas grid would be done in a phased manner, depending upon the economic viability, availability of gas and materialisation of other competitive gas sources. Therefore, it is not feasible to estimate the time frame for the gas grid at this stage.